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SENATE RESOLUTION 150  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Billie G. Bush of Overton County.

WHEREAS, it was with profound sorrow that this General Assembly heard of the death of Billie G. Bush; and

WHEREAS, he was a man of genial disposition and many sterling traits of character, a prominent, patriotic, and worthy citizen; and

WHEREAS, by his passing, his family, his state, and his county have suffered a great and irreparable loss; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush was born in 1927 in Macon County; he moved to Overton County in 1959 to begin his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush served his country in the United States Army from 1946 until 1951. He was a corporal with Company A of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment and later with the 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in Korea in 1951; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, he returned to Tennessee and graduated from Andrew Jackson University with degrees in Accounting and Bookkeeping; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Mr. Bush met and wed Marie Crabtree of Livingston; together they would raise two sons, Gary Threet and Ricky McDonald. These sons would in turn present Mr. Bush with three grandchildren, Gary Lynn Threet, Brian McDonald, and Jessica McDonald; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Bush was a charter member of the Livingston Civitan Club; he served that organization as Treasurer from 1968 through 1969, as President from 1972 through 1973, and as Vice President from 1989 through 1993. He was also Lieutenant Governor of the Civitan Valley District in 1973 and 1974, and was declared Most Outstanding Civitan of the Year for Area 1 in 1972; and

WHEREAS, his other civic responsibilities included being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Red Boiling Springs Lodge #595, Livingston Lodge #259, and the Tennessee Grand Lodge; Evening Star Chapter #136; Frizzell Council #84; Cumberland Commandry #26; Al Menah Temple; Livingston Shrine Club; and Livingston Chapter #206 Order of the Eastern Star, in which he served as Worthy Patron in 1988; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Democrat, Mr. Bush worked assiduously to elect Democratic candidates in Overton County. He was elected chairman of the Overton County Democratic Party in 1971, a position he held almost uninterruptedly until his death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush was recognized statewide by fellow Democrats for his many contributions to and active support of party candidates; he was admired and respected by all who knew him for his willingness to give of his time and talents for the betterment of the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mr. Billie G. Bush, remembering with admiration his strong character and his many selfless contributions to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we tender our condolences to the widow and the relatives of Billie G. Bush, recognizing the great and irreparable loss they have suffered in the passing of this illustrious man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

